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AMENDMENT

This correspondence is in response to the office action of June 18, 2003 ("Office Action"), in which a shortened statutory period for response of three (3) months was set. A petition for an extension of the time for reply of three (3) months, from September 18, 2003 to December 18, 2003 inclusive is being requested simultaneously herewith. Please amend the above identified patent application as follows.